

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

October 29, 2004

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Meeting began at 3:40 P.M. on Friday, October 29, 2004. Chairman Thomas B. Getz and Commissioner Graham J. Morrison were present. Also present were the Division Heads, or their designees. The following matters were discussed.

1. Approval of the October 19, 2004 Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz adopting the minutes of the October 19, 2004 Commission Meeting.

2. DW 04-132; Hampstead Area Water Company, Inc.
(Petition for Authority to Issue Long Term Debt to Construct
Water Storage Facility and to Increase Rates Following
Construction)

Chairman Getz announced the issuance of Order No. 24,386 (October 22, 2004) which is an Order Nisi Approving Stipulation Agreement Regarding Financing and Rate Recovery.

3. DT 04-135; Public Interest Payphone
(Petition for a Public Interest Payphone at the Stinson Lake
Country Store, Rumney, NH)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the October 21, 2004 secretarial letter approving a procedural schedule and scheduling a hearing for January 11, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.

4. DW 04-144; Bedford Waste Services Corporation (Bedford)
(Petition for an Increase in Rates)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the October 21, 2004 secretarial letter granting Bedford's request for an extension of time to November 10, 2004.

5. DW 04-045; Bodwell Waste Services Corporation (Bodwell)
(Petition for an Increase in Rates)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the October 21, 2004 secretarial letter granting Bodwell's request for an extension of time to November 10, 2004.

6. DT 01-221; Kearsarge Telephone Company
(Petition for Alternative Form of Regulation)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz ratifying the October 27, 2004 secretarial letter approving Kearsarge's compliance filing.

7. DW 02-128; Hampstead Area Water Company (Hampstead)
(Petition for Rate Increase)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to ratify the October 28, 2004 secretarial letter approving Hampstead's request for an extension of time.

8. DE 97-171; Verizon New Hampshire
(Petition for Approval of Statement of Generally Available Terms Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Denying Motions for Reconsideration.

9. DE 04-071; Public Service Company of New Hampshire
(2003 Stranded Cost Recovery Charge Reconciliation)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Following Hearing.

10. DW 04-117; Hanover Water Works Company, Inc.
(Petition for Authority to Issue Securities and to Increase Rates)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Approving Stipulation for Financing and Rate Recovery.

11. DG 04-152; EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Keyspan Energy Delivery
New England
(2004/2005 Winter Cost of Gas)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Approving the Cost of Gas Rates, Local Distribution Adjustment Clause Rates and Other Rates.

12. DG 04-162; Northern Utilities, Inc.
(2004/2005 Winter Cost of Gas)
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A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Approving the Cost of Gas Rate, Local Distribution Adjustment Clause Rates and other Rates.

13. DG 04-163; Concord Steam Corporation
(2004/2005 Cost of Energy Rate)
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A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Approving Cost of Energy Rate.

14. DG 04-168; Northern Utilities, Inc. – Pelham Division
(2004/2005 Winter Cost of Gas)
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A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to issue an Order Approving Cost of Gas Rate.

15. New Business
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- A.) DRM 04-169; Puc 1300, Local Telecommunications Competition
(Interim Rules)
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Chairman Getz noted that rules are being adopted on an interim basis to permit re-writing of the telephone utility rules as a consolidated document. The Commission filed an initial proposal on September 17, 2004. Staff of the Administrative Rules Division of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR) concluded that some provisions identified for adoption as interim rules did not expire until 2008 and thus did not qualify for interim rule status. JLCAR Staff comments were addressed and a conditional approval proposal was submitted to JLCAR and approved by it on October 28, 2004. Chairman Getz made a motion to adopt and file with JLCAR a conditional approval response consistent with JLCAR's decision on October 28, 2004. Commissioner Morrison seconded the motion.

16. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters
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Chairman Getz announced that the next Commission meeting would be held on Friday, November 5, 2004 at 3:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison and seconded by Chairman Getz to adjourn this meeting. The meeting, therefore, adjourned at 3:48 P.M.